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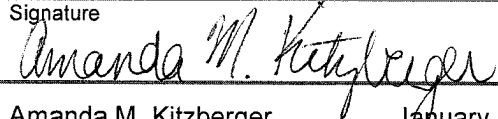
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Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment

This communication is in response to the *final* Office Action dated 24 September 2007. This response is filed outside of the three (3) month shortened statutory period and therefore applicant's attorney believes a one (1) month extension of time is necessary. However, should applicant's attorney be in error in this regard, please consider this as a request for an extension of time as necessary, and to charge the identified deposit account for the requisite amount of time required to effect the filing of this Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment Response. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Request for Reconsideration begins on page 9 of this paper.

Fee Determination Sheet; and,

Extension of Time.